

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 3, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants respectfully respond to this Office Action.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-22 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gwon in view of Bender (WIPO Pub. No. WO/56254). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that the Bender “reference” is in fact the Published Application of a PCT case based on the US Patent Application (S/N 09/494,204) from which the present application claims priority, i.e. the present application is a Continuation-in-part of application No. 09/494,204. Moreover, Applicants note that the subject matter in the Bender “reference” and the presently claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, as stated in 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Thus, applicants respectfully submit that the Bender “reference” cannot be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Similarly, the Examiner rejected claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over various combinations of the Bender “reference” and several other references. For at least the same as stated above in relation to the rejection of claims 1-11, Applicants submit that the rejections of claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are improperly taking.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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